

General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions. If the Committee of the Whole rises and reports that it has come to no resolution on the bill, then on the next legislative day the House shall, immediately after the third daily order of business under clause 1 of rule XIV, resolve into the Committee of the Whole for further consideration of the bill.

SEC. 5. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 696.

THE VOTE ON THE PREVIOUS QUESTION: WHAT IT REALLY MEANS

This vote, the vote on whether to order the previous question on a special rule, is not merely a procedural vote. A vote against ordering the previous question is a vote against the Republican majority agenda and a vote to allow the Democratic minority to offer an alternative plan. It is a vote about what the House should be debating.

Mr. Clarence Cannon's *Precedents of the House of Representatives* (VI, 308-311), describes the vote on the previous question on the rule as "a motion to direct or control the consideration of the subject before the House being made by the Member in charge." To defeat the previous question is to give the opposition a chance to decide the subject before the House. Cannon cites the Speaker's ruling of January 13, 1920, to the effect that "the refusal of the House to sustain the demand for the previous question passes the control of the resolution to the opposition" in order to offer an amendment. On March 15, 1909, a member of the majority party offered a rule resolution. The House defeated the previous question and a member of the opposition rose to a parliamentary inquiry, asking who was entitled to recognition. Speaker Joseph G. Cannon (R-Illinois) said: "The previous question having been refused, the gentleman from New York, Mr. Fitzgerald, who had asked the gentleman to yield to him for an amendment, is entitled to the first recognition."

The Republican majority may say "the vote on the previous question is simply a vote on whether to proceed to an immediate vote on adopting the resolution . . . [and] has no substantive legislative or policy implications whatsoever." But that is not what they have always said. Listen to the Republican Leadership Manual on the Legislative Process in the United States House of Representatives, (6th edition, page 135). Here's how the Republicans describe the previous question vote in their own manual: "Although it is generally not possible to amend the rule because the majority Member controlling the time will not yield for the purpose of offering an amendment, the same result may be achieved by voting down the previous question on the rule. . . . When the motion for the previous question is defeated, control of the time passes to the Member who led the opposition to ordering the previous question. That Member, because he then controls the time, may offer an amendment to the rule, or yield for the purpose of amendment."

In Deschler's *Procedure in the U.S. House of Representatives*, the subchapter titled "Amending Special Rules" states: "a refusal to order the previous question on such a rule [a special rule reported from the Committee on Rules] opens the resolution to amendment and further debate." (Chapter 21, section 21.2) Section 21.3 continues: "Upon rejection of the motion for the previous question on a resolution reported from the Committee on Rules, control shifts to the Member leading the opposition to the previous question, who may offer a proper amendment or motion and who controls the time for debate thereon."

Clearly, the vote on the previous question on a rule does have substantive policy implications. It is one of the only available tools for those who oppose the Republican majority's agenda and allows those with alternative views the opportunity to offer an alternative plan.

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1335

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOST) at 1 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 198;

Adoption of House Resolution 198, if ordered; and

Agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1259, VA ACCOUNTABILITY FIRST ACT OF 2017; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1367, IMPROVING AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO HIRE AND RETAIN PHYSICIANS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1181, VETERANS 2ND AMENDMENT PROTECTION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 198) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1259) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1367) to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire and retain physicians and other employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1181) to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 227, nays 185, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 162]

YEAS—227

Abraham	Cole	Gowdy
Aderholt	Collins (GA)	Granger
Allen	Comer	Graves (GA)
Amash	Comstock	Graves (MO)
Amodei	Conaway	Griffith
Arrington	Cook	Grothman
Babin	Costello (PA)	Guthrie
Bacon	Cramer	Harper
Banks (IN)	Crawford	Harris
Barletta	Culberson	Hartzler
Barr	Curbelo (FL)	Hensarling
Barton	Davidson	Herrera Beutler
Bergman	Denham	Hice, Jody B.
Biggs	Dent	Higgins (LA)
Bilirakis	DeSantis	Hill
Bishop (MI)	DesJarlais	Holding
Bishop (UT)	Diaz-Balart	Hollingsworth
Black	Donovan	Hudson
Blackburn	Duncan (SC)	Huizenga
Blum	Duncan (TN)	Hultgren
Bost	Dunn	Hunter
Brady (TX)	Emmer	Hurd
Brat	Farenthold	Issa
Bridenstine	Faso	Jenkins (KS)
Brooks (AL)	Ferguson	Jenkins (WV)
Brooks (IN)	Fitzpatrick	Johnson (LA)
Buchanan	Fleischmann	Johnson (OH)
Buck	Flores	Johnson, Sam
Bucshon	Fortenberry	Joyce (OH)
Budd	Fox	Katko
Burgess	Franks (AZ)	Kelly (MS)
Byrne	Frelinghuysen	King (IA)
Calvert	Gaetz	King (NY)
Carter (GA)	Gallagher	Kinzinger
Carter (TX)	Garrett	Knight
Chabot	Gibbs	Kustoff (TN)
Chaffetz	Gohmert	Labrador
Cheney	Goodlatte	LaHood
Coffman	Gosar	LaMalfa

Lamborn  
Lance  
Latta  
Lewis (MN)  
LoBiondo  
Long  
Loudermilk  
Love  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
MacArthur  
Marchant  
Marshall  
Massie  
Mast  
McCarthy  
McCaul  
McClintock  
McHenry  
McKinley  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
McSally  
Meadows  
Meehan  
Messer  
Mitchell  
Moonen  
Mooney (WV)  
Mullin  
Murphy (PA)  
Newhouse  
Noem  
Nunes  
Olson  
Palazzo  
Palmer  
Paulsen

Pearce  
Perry  
Pittenger  
Poe (TX)  
Poliquin  
Posey  
Ratcliffe  
Reed  
Reichert  
Renacci  
Rice (SC)  
Robby  
Roe (TN)  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)  
Rohrabacher  
Rokita  
Rooney, Francis  
Rooney, Thomas  
J.  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Roskam  
Ross  
Rothfus  
Rouzer  
Royce (CA)  
Russell  
Rutherford  
Sanford  
Scalise  
Schweikert  
Scott, Austin  
Sensenbrenner  
Sessions  
Shimkus  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Smith (MO)

Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smucker  
Stefanik  
Stewart  
Stivers  
Taylor  
Tenney  
Thompson (PA)  
Thornberry  
Tiberi  
Tipton  
Trott  
Turner  
Upton  
Valadao  
Wagner  
Walberg  
Walden  
Walker  
Walters, Mimi  
Weber (TX)  
Webster (FL)  
Wenstrup  
Westerman  
Williams  
Wilson (SC)  
Wittman  
Womack  
Woodall  
Yoder  
Yoho  
Young (AK)  
Young (IA)  
Zeldin

## NAYS—185

Adams  
Aguilar  
Barragán  
Bass  
Beatty  
Bera  
Beyer  
Bishop (GA)  
Blumenauer  
Blunt Rochester  
Bonamici  
Boyle, Brendan  
F.  
Brady (PA)  
Brown (MD)  
Brownley (CA)  
Bustos  
Butterfield  
Capuano  
Carbajal  
Cárdenas  
Carson (IN)  
Cartwright  
Castor (FL)  
Castro (TX)  
Chu, Judy  
Cicilline  
Clark (MA)  
Clarke (NY)  
Clay  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Cohen  
Connolly  
Conyers  
Cooper  
Correa  
Costa  
Courtney  
Crist  
Crowley  
Cuellar  
Cummings  
Davis (CA)  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Delaney  
DeLauro  
DelBene  
Demings  
DeSaulnier  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Doyle, Michael  
F.  
Ellison  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Espallat

Esty  
Evans  
Foster  
Frankel (FL)  
Gabbard  
Gallego  
Garamendi  
Gonzalez (TX)  
Gottheimer  
Green, Al  
Green, Gene  
Grijalva  
Gutiérrez  
Hanabusa  
Hastings  
Heck  
Higgins (NY)  
Himes  
Hoyer  
Huffman  
Jackson Lee  
Jayapal  
Jeffries  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Jones  
Kaptur  
Keating  
Kelly (IL)  
Kennedy  
Khanna  
Kihuen  
Kildee  
Kilmer  
Kind  
Krishnamoorthi  
Kuster (NH)  
Langevin  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Lawrence  
Lawson (FL)  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (GA)  
Lieu, Ted  
Lipinski  
Loebach  
Lofgren  
Lowenthal  
Lowey  
Lujan Grisham,  
M.  
Luján, Ben Ray  
Lynch  
Maloney,  
Carolyn B.  
Maloney, Sean  
Matsui

McCollum  
McEachin  
McGovern  
McNerney  
Meeks  
Meng  
Moore  
Moulton  
Murphy (FL)  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal  
Nolan  
Norcross  
O'Halleran  
O'Rourke  
Pallone  
Panetta  
Pascarell  
Pelosi  
Perlmutter  
Peters  
Peterson  
Pingree  
Pocan  
Polis  
Price (NC)  
Quigley  
Raskin  
Rice (NY)  
Richmond  
Rosen  
Ruiz  
Ruppersberger  
Ryan (OH)  
Sánchez  
Sarbanes  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schneider  
Schrader  
Scott (VA)  
Scott, David  
Serrano  
Sewell (AL)  
Shea-Porter  
Sherman  
Sires  
Smith (WA)  
Soto  
Speier  
Suozi  
Swalwell (CA)  
Takano  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Titus  
Tonko  
Torres

Tsongas  
Vargas  
Veasey  
Vela  
Velázquez

Visclosky  
Walz  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters, Maxine

Watson Coleman  
Welch  
Yarmuth

Collins (NY)  
Davis, Danny  
Davis, Rodney  
Deutch  
Duffy  
Fudge

Graves (LA)  
Jordan  
Kelly (PA)  
Marino  
Payne  
Roybal-Allard

Rush  
Sinema  
Slaughter  
Walorski  
Wilson (FL)

## NOT VOTING—17

□ 1358

Mr. ELLISON and Ms. MCCOLLUM changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. TIPTON and DAVIDSON changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on rollcall No. 162.

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on rollcall No. 162.

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on rollcall No. 162.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

## RECORDED VOTE

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 229, noes 187, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 163]

## AYES—229

Abraham  
Aderholt  
Allen  
Amash  
Amodei  
Arrington  
Babin  
Bacon  
Banks (IN)  
Bartlett  
Barr  
Barton  
Bergman  
Biggs  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (MI)  
Bishop (UT)  
Black  
Blackburn  
Blum  
Bost  
Brady (TX)  
Brat  
Bridenstine  
Brooks (AL)  
Brooks (IN)  
Buchanan  
Buck  
Bucshon  
Budd  
Burgess  
Byrne  
Calvert  
Carter (GA)  
Carter (TX)  
Chabot  
Chaffetz  
Cheney

Coffman  
Cole  
Collins (GA)  
Comer  
Comstock  
Conaway  
Cook  
Costello (PA)  
Cramer  
Crawford  
Culberson  
Curbelo (FL)  
Davidson  
Denham  
Dent  
DeSantis  
DesJarlais  
Diaz-Balart  
Donovan  
Duffy  
Duncan (SC)  
Duncan (TN)  
Dunn  
Emmer  
Farenthold  
Faso  
Ferguson  
Fitzpatrick  
Fleischmann  
Flores  
Fortenberry  
Foxy  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Gaetz  
Gallagher  
Garrett  
Gibbs

Gohmert  
Goodlatte  
Gosar  
Gowdy  
Granger  
Graves (GA)  
Graves (LA)  
Graves (MO)  
Griffith  
Grothman  
Guthrie  
Harper  
Hartzler  
Hensarling  
Herrera Beutler  
Hice, Jody B.  
Higgins (LA)  
Hill  
Holding  
Hollingsworth  
Hudson  
Huizenga  
Hultgren  
Hunter  
Hurd  
Issa  
Jenkins (KS)  
Jenkins (WV)  
Johnson (LA)  
Johnson (OH)  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones  
Joyce (OH)  
Katko  
Kelly (MS)  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kinzinger

Knight  
Kustoff (TN)  
Labrador  
LaHood  
LaMalfa  
Lamborn  
Lance  
Latta  
Lewis (MN)  
LoBiondo  
Long  
Loudermilk  
Love  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
MacArthur  
Marchant  
Marshall  
Massie  
Mast  
McCarthy  
McCaul  
McClintock  
McHenry  
McKinley  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
McSally  
Meadows  
Meehan  
Messer  
Mitchell  
Moonen  
Mooney (WV)  
Mullin  
Murphy (PA)  
Newhouse  
Noem  
Nunes

Olson  
Palazzo  
Palmer  
Paulsen  
Pearce  
Perry  
Pittenger  
Poe (TX)  
Poliquin  
Posey  
Ratcliffe  
Reed  
Reichert  
Renacci  
Rice (SC)  
Robby  
Roe (TN)  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)  
Rohrabacher  
Rokita  
Rooney, Francis  
Rooney, Thomas  
J.  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Roskam  
Ross  
Rothfus  
Rouzer  
Royce (CA)  
Russell  
Rutherford  
Sanford  
Scalise  
Schweikert  
Scott, Austin  
Sensenbrenner  
Sessions  
Shimkus

Shuster  
Simpson  
Smith (MO)  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smucker  
Stefanik  
Stewart  
Stivers  
Taylor  
Tenney  
Thompson (PA)  
Thornberry  
Tiberi  
Tipton  
Trott  
Turner  
Upton  
Valadao  
Wagner  
Walberg  
Walden  
Walker  
Walters, Mimi  
Weber (TX)  
Webster (FL)  
Wenstrup  
Westerman  
Williams  
Wilson (SC)  
Wittman  
Womack  
Woodall  
Yoder  
Yoho  
Young (AK)  
Young (IA)  
Zeldin

## NOES—187

Adams  
Aguilar  
Barragán  
Bass  
Beatty  
Bera  
Beyer  
Bishop (GA)  
Blumenauer  
Blunt Rochester  
Bonamici  
Boyle, Brendan  
F.  
Brady (PA)  
Brown (MD)  
Brownley (CA)  
Bustos  
Butterfield  
Capuano  
Carbajal  
Cárdenas  
Carson (IN)  
Cartwright  
Castor (FL)  
Castro (TX)  
Chu, Judy  
Cicilline  
Clark (MA)  
Clarke (NY)  
Clay  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Cohen  
Connolly  
Conyers  
Cooper  
Correa  
Costa  
Courtney  
Crist  
Crowley  
Cuellar  
Cummings  
Davis (CA)  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Delaney  
DeLauro  
DelBene  
Demings  
DeSaulnier  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Doyle, Michael  
F.  
Ellison

Engel  
Eshoo  
Espallat  
Esty  
Evans  
Foster  
Frankel (FL)  
Gabbard  
Gallego  
Garamendi  
Gonzalez (TX)  
Gottheimer  
Green, Al  
Green, Gene  
Grijalva  
Gutiérrez  
Hanabusa  
Hastings  
Heck  
Higgins (NY)  
Himes  
Hoyer  
Huffman  
Jackson Lee  
Jayapal  
Jeffries  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Kaptur  
Keating  
Kelly (IL)  
Kennedy  
Khanna  
Kihuen  
Kildee  
Kilmer  
Kind  
Krishnamoorthi  
Kuster (NH)  
Langevin  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Lawrence  
Lawson (FL)  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (GA)  
Lieu, Ted  
Lipinski  
Loebach  
Lofgren  
Lowenthal  
Lowey  
Lujan Grisham,  
M.  
Luján, Ben Ray

Lynch  
Maloney,  
Carolyn B.  
Maloney, Sean  
Matsui  
McCollum  
McEachin  
McGovern  
McNerney  
Meeks  
Meng  
Moore  
Moulton  
Murphy (FL)  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal  
Nolan  
Norcross  
O'Halleran  
O'Rourke  
Pallone  
Panetta  
Pascarell  
Pelosi  
Perlmutter  
Peters  
Peterson  
Pingree  
Pocan  
Polis  
Price (NC)  
Quigley  
Raskin  
Rice (NY)  
Richmond  
Rosen  
Roybal-Allard  
Ruiz  
Ruppersberger  
Ryan (OH)  
Sánchez  
Sarbanes  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schneider  
Schrader  
Scott (VA)  
Scott, David  
Serrano  
Sewell (AL)  
Shea-Porter  
Sherman  
Sinema  
Sires  
Smith (WA)

Soto  
Speier  
Suozi  
Swalwell (CA)  
Takano  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Titus

Tonko  
Torres  
Tsongas  
Vargas  
Veasey  
Vela  
Velázquez  
Visclosky

Walz  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters, Maxine  
Hunter  
Welch  
Wilson (FL)  
Yarmuth

## NOT VOTING—13

Collins (NY)  
Davis, Danny  
Davis, Rodney  
Deutch  
Fudge

Harris  
Jordan  
Kelly (PA)  
Marino  
Payne

Rush  
Slaughter  
Walorski

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1406

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. **RODNEY DAVIS** of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 162, and “yea” on rollcall No. 163.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. **WALORSKI**. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 162, and “yea” on rollcall No. 163.

## THE JOURNAL

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 243, nays 165, answered “present” 1, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 164]

YEAS—243

Abraham  
Aderholt  
Allen  
Amodei  
Arrington  
Babin  
Bacon  
Banks (IN)  
Barletta  
Barr  
Barton  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (MI)  
Bishop (UT)  
Black  
Blackburn  
Blunt Rochester  
Bonamici  
Brady (TX)  
Brat  
Bridenstine  
Brooks (AL)  
Brooks (IN)  
Brown (MD)  
Buchanan  
Budd  
Bustos  
Butterfield  
Byrne  
Calvert  
Carter (TX)  
Cartwright  
Castro (TX)

Chabot  
Chaffetz  
Cheney  
Chu, Judy  
Cicilline  
Clark (MA)  
Clay  
Cole  
Comer  
Comstock  
Cook  
Cooper  
Correa  
Cramer  
Crawford  
Crist  
Cuellar  
Culberson  
Cummings  
Davidson  
Davis (CA)  
Davis, Rodney  
DeGette  
DeLauro  
DeBene  
Demings  
Dent  
DeSaulnier  
DesJarlais  
Diaz-Balart  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Donovan

Duncan (SC)  
Duncan (TN)  
Dunn  
Ellison  
Emmer  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Esty  
Farenthold  
Ferguson  
Fleischmann  
Fortenberry  
Foster  
Frankel (FL)  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Gabbard  
Gallago  
Garamendi  
Garrett  
Goodlatte  
Gowdy  
Granger  
Griffith  
Grothman  
Guthrie  
Hanabusa  
Harper  
Harris  
Hartzler  
Heck  
Hensarling  
Higgins (LA)

Himes  
Hollingsworth  
Huffman  
Hultgren  
Hunter  
Issa  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson (LA)  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones  
Kaptur  
Kelly (MS)  
Kennedy  
Kildee  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Knight  
Krishnamoorthi  
Kustoff (TN)  
Labrador  
LaMalfa  
Lamborn  
Larson (CT)  
Latta  
Lawrence  
Lawson (FL)  
Lewis (MN)  
Lipinski  
Loeb sack  
Lofgren  
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Lowenthal  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
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M.  
Lujan, Ben Ray  
Marshall  
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Mast  
McCarthy  
McCaul  
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McCollum  
McHenry  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
McNerney

Meadows  
Meehan  
Meeks  
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Messer  
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Moore  
Mullin  
Murphy (FL)  
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Palazzo  
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Perlmutter  
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Posey  
Quigley  
Richmond  
Roby  
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Rooney, Francis  
Rosen  
Roskam  
Ross  
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Royce (CA)  
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Russell  
Rutherford  
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Schneider  
Schweikert  
Scott (VA)  
Scott, Austin  
Scott, David  
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Sessions  
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Sherman  
Shimkus  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Sinema  
Smith (MO)  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith (WA)  
Smucker  
Soto  
Speier  
Stefanik  
Stewart  
Suozi  
Swalwell (CA)  
Takano  
Taylor  
Tenney  
Thornberry  
Titus  
Torres  
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Tsongas  
Vela  
Wagner  
Walden  
Walker  
Walorski  
Walters, Mimi  
Walz  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters, Maxine  
Webster (FL)  
Welch  
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Amash  
Barragán  
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Beatty  
Bera  
Bergman  
Beyer  
Biggs  
Bishop (GA)  
Blum  
Bost  
Boyle, Brendan  
F.  
Brady (PA)  
Brownley (CA)  
Buck  
Bucshon  
Burgess  
Capuano  
Carbajal  
Cárdenas  
Carson (IN)  
Carter (GA)  
Castor (FL)  
Clarke (NY)  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Coffman  
Cohen  
Collins (GA)  
Conaway  
Connolly  
Costa  
Costello (PA)  
Courtney  
Crowley  
Curbelo (FL)  
DeFazio  
Delaney  
Denham  
DeSantis  
Doyle, Michael  
F.  
Duffy  
Español  
Evans

Fitzpatrick  
Flores  
Fox  
Gaez  
Gallagher  
Gibbs  
Gosar  
Gottheimer  
Graves (GA)  
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Green, Gene  
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Hastings  
Herrera Beutler  
Hice, Jody B.  
Higgins (NY)  
Hill  
Holding  
Hoyer  
Hudson  
Hurd  
Jackson Lee  
Jayapal  
Jeffries  
Jenkins (KS)  
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Johnson (OH)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Joyce (OH)  
Katko  
Keating  
Kelly (IL)  
Khanna  
Kihuen  
Kilmer  
Kind  
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Kuster (NH)  
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Lieu, Ted

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MacArthur  
Maloney, Sean  
Matsui  
McEachin  
McGovern  
McKinley  
McSally  
Mitchell  
Moulton  
Neal  
Noem  
Nolan  
Norcross  
O'Halleran  
Pallone  
Panetta  
Pascarell  
Paulsen  
Pearce  
Pelosi  
Perry  
Peters  
Peterson  
Pittenger  
Poe (TX)  
Poliquin  
Price (NC)  
Raskin  
Ratcliffe  
Reed  
Reichert  
Renacci  
Rice (NY)  
Rice (SC)  
Rokita  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Rouzer  
Roybal-Allard  
Ruiz  
Ryan (OH)  
Sánchez  
Sarbanes  
Schakowsky  
Schiff

Schrader  
Sewell (AL)  
Sires  
Stivers  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Thompson (PA)  
Tiberi

Tipton  
Turner  
Upton  
Valadao  
Vargas  
Veasey  
Velázquez  
Visclosky

Walberg  
Watson Coleman  
Weber (TX)  
Wenstrup  
Wilson (FL)  
Woodall  
Yoder

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Tonko

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Collins (NY)  
Conyers  
Davis, Danny  
Deutch  
Faso  
Fudge  
Gohmert

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Huizenga  
Jordan  
Kelly (PA)  
Larsen (WA)  
Maloney,  
Carolyn B.  
Marchant

Marino  
Payne  
Rooney, Thomas  
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Rush  
Slaughter

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. **SLAUGHTER**. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote numbers 162, 163, and 164. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on each vote.

## VETERANS 2ND AMENDMENT PROTECTION ACT

Mr. **ROE** of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 198, I call up the bill (H.R. 1181) to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The **SPEAKER** pro tempore (Mr. **SIMPSON**). Pursuant to House Resolution 198, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1181

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act”.

## SEC. 2. CONDITIONS FOR TREATMENT OF CERTAIN PERSONS AS ADJUDICATED MENTALLY INCOMPETENT FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 55 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 5501A the following new section:

## “§ 5501B. Conditions for treatment of certain persons as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes

“Notwithstanding any determination made by the Secretary under section 5501A of this title, in any case arising out of the administration by the Secretary of laws and benefits under this title, a person who is mentally incapacitated, deemed mentally incompetent, or experiencing an extended loss of consciousness shall not be considered adjudicated as a mental defective under subsection (d)(4) or (g)(4) of section 922 of title 18 without the order or finding of a judge, magistrate, or other judicial authority of competent jurisdiction that such person is a danger to himself or herself or others.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 55 of such title is amended by inserting after the